

Alexandria Gazette

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1912.

WEATHER REPORT

Rain tonight and probably Tuesday; moderate to brisk winds.
Tomorrow—High tide, 6:31 a. m., 6:30 p. m.

PRICE, 2 CENTS

COURT ADJOURNS TO OCTOBER 7TH

Judge Gordon to Reopen
Annexation Hearing on
That Date.

CITY'S CASE CLOSED.

Counties Will Have Inning when Court
Resumes in Two Weeks—Saturday's Evidence.

Alexandria closed its case in the annexation proceedings Saturday afternoon, and, as outlined in the Gazette a week ago, Judge Bennett T. Gordon announced an adjournment until October 7th, when the hearing will be resumed at Alexandria county court house.

There were several witnesses placed on the stand Saturday afternoon after the closing of the Gazette's report.

Charles H. Callahan, Commissioner of the revenue of the city of Alexandria, was on the stand to tell of land conditions of the city. He described topographical conditions which made a great area of the city unavailable for residence or factory sites. He also recited that the assessed value of the real property within the city of Alexandria was about \$6,000,000, representing from 50 to 60 per cent of actual value.

Deputy Commissioner of Revenue Crawley, of Alexandria county, was also put on the stand to show topographical conditions of the land in that county which Alexandria city would annex.

Henry K. Field, chairman of the joint committee on finance of the city council, in the course of his testimony stated that the assets of the city of Alexandria were more than \$450,000. These consisted of the city gas plant, valued at \$250,000; the market house, worth \$80,000; fish wharf, school buildings, jail, almshouse, police and fire stations, etc., and about \$9,000 in the sinking fund.

A standing offer of a half million dollars for the gas plant is before the city authorities, Mr. Field stated. The market house would cost much more to construct than the valuation put upon it, he said. The money in the sinking fund is for the retirement of a part of the bonded indebtedness.

The attorneys for Alexandria City, John M. Johnson, Corporation Attorney Samuel P. Fisher and Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent, are well content with their showing before the court in support of the plan for greater Alexandria. They consider they have proven the congestion of the city to an extent that not only justifies the desire of the city for expansion, but demonstrates the absolute necessity thereof. The financial ability and the administrative competency of the municipality to properly govern and better conditions in the districts of Fairfax and Alexandria counties it would take over the attorneys believe has been adequately demonstrated.

Upon the reopening of court counsel for Alexandria county—Ex-governor Andrew Jackson Montague, R. Lynch Montague, of Richmond, and Commonwealth's Attorney Crandal Mackey—and counsel for Fairfax county—John S. Barbour, Thomas Keith and Commonwealth's Attorney C. Vernon Ford—will open the case in opposition to Alexandria City. Commonwealth's Attorney Mackey has intimated that residents of Alexandria City will be put on the stand to show bitter opposition to expansion from within the municipality.

It is generally believed that Alexandria City will obtain the greater part, if not all the territory it seeks to annex. The city at present covers an area of 713 acres. It would expand to three times its present size, taking in 869 acres of Alexandria county and 450 acres of land and 180 acres of water of Fairfax county.

Boat Ran Into Marsh.

Captain Henry Simmons reports that last night a motorboat, presumably from Washington, was navigating itself up the river, the occupants, according to Captain Simmons, being asleep. The boat veered towards the marsh adjoining New Alexandria on the west, and must have run aground, as it failed to emerge.

POLICE COURT (Justice H. B. Caton, Presiding.)

John Wabash, colored, charged with stealing a ham from a grocery store, was fined \$5.

John Evans, charged with assaulting his wife, forfeited his collateral. Frank Jones, charged with disorderly conduct, forfeited his collateral by failing to appear.

A young white man charged with assault, was fined \$10.

Joseph Dudley, colored, charged with improper conduct, was dismissed. Virgie Richardson and Blanch Robinson, both colored, charged with vagrancy, were sent to jail for twenty days.

A man charged with allowing his horse to run at large in the cemeteries, was dismissed.

Two white boys, charged with disorderly conduct, were dismissed. Joseph Randolph, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was dismissed.

Nellie Woodson and Maggie Scott, both colored, charged with fighting, were fined \$5 each.

BLACK HAND LETTER.

Alexandria County Farmer Receives
Missive Telling Whereabouts of
Stolen Horse.

Andrew Cornelius, an Alexandria County farmer, this morning received a "black hand" letter, which probably ranks among the oddest on record, for it throws a new light of the character of the sender, whose only signature is a pair of hands drawn in black ink, at the bottom of the letter. Presumably a repentant mood, the writer informs Mr. Cornelius of the manner in which he disposed of a valuable horse stolen from him a month ago today, and gives explicit directions, by means of which it may be recovered.

In a spirit of egotism, the black hander states that the reason he does not sign his name is because he is "too well known as a horse and cattle thief." The communication was post marked at Philadelphia, and from the hand and style of writing, was undoubtedly indicted by a German.

Cornelius is so confident of the sincerity of the letter that he will leave at once for Philadelphia to trace the missing animal. The horse was valued at more than \$200, and disappeared almost at the same time that a farm hand, whom the farmer suspects, left his employ. The letter follows:

"Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 17, 1912.
"Dear Sir:—Your horse is sold at price \$45 to Ed. Reilly, Williston, I am going North. I never tell my name as I am a well known horse and cattle thief. Phone to Philadelphia police, so they go and get your horse, and so good bye, God bless you.
"Williston, Chester County"

Congress on Hygiene and Demography
Washington, D. C., Sept. 23.—With thirty-two leading governments and forty-eight states pouring their wealth of knowledge to improve public welfare and to prolong human life into one common fund for the world's use, the Fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography opened its week's session here this morning. Four hundred and fifty of the foremost sanitary authorities in the world in formal addresses will contribute the latest discoveries and methods in their respective countries in the realm of adding comfort and years to human life. It is expected that the attendance at the nine sections into which the Congress is divided will number five thousand including many of the national, state and city health officials of this country.

While the object of the Congress is to extend the knowledge and improve the practice of hygiene and public health in all the countries which participate, it is believed these benefits will accrue in largest measure to the country which is for the time being the host of the Congress. That the state and municipal public health officials of this country attending the Congress will have support outside of immediate sanitary circles in seeking to put into effect various reforms that will be suggested by the Congress is indicated by the action of large business enterprises in being presented at the proceedings.

LOST—On the 7:15 train from Washington on Saturday night a RED LEATHER POCKETBOOK containing a sum of money and a commutation ticket bearing the owner's name. Reward if left at 421 south Pitt street.

ABUSE OF THE FLOWER CUSTOM

Clergymen Would Bar Lavish
Displays at the
Funerals.

COST OF TRIBUTES.

Suggestions Looking to Elimination
Of Extravagant Exhibitions—Some
Cannot Afford Them.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 23.—"While many people abuse the flower custom famous New York specialist. The funerals by extravagance, said Rev. T. W. Young, pastor of the North Baptist Church, 'I would not advocate its abolishment, but would exhort people to be more moderate. There is no more beautiful way of expressing ones grief or sympathy than by giving flowers.'"

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 23.—"An order issued by Archbishop Messmer three years ago in the diocese of Milwaukee bars lavish display of flowers at funerals in Roman Catholic Churches and bars any floral display on the coffin either in the church or at the cemetery," said Rev. J. F. Ryan, head of St. Francis Seminary here today, commenting on the order of Rev. Father Shanley.

New York, Sept. 23.—The flower custom at funerals has shamefully been abused, degenerating from its sphere as expression of love, into a mere badge of extravagance and display," said Rev. Dr. C. F. Reisner, Methodist today in commenting on Father Shanley's order barring flowers from the funerals among his parishioners. "But I would not do away with it. Instead, I would try to encourage it. When people learn the true meaning of flowers, they will of themselves eliminate extravagance."

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 23.—"I seldom find a case where people buy flowers, deprive themselves of necessities," declared Rev. Albert Hurlstone, of the Robert Park M. E. Church today, commenting on the placing of a ban on flowers at funerals by some churches. "I have very little sympathy with that kind of a thing. I think that friendship and feeling can be expressed with flowers where it could not be expressed in words."

Danbury, Conn., Sept. 23.—"Because I found so many people who could not afford to buy flowers did not only denied themselves the necessities of life but were also going into debt," was the explanation given by Rev. Dr. Walter J. Shanley, pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church today for placing a ban on flowers for funerals held in the church and at the two Catholic cemeteries. The ban first excluded flowers from the churches, then was extended to the cemeteries.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 23.—Cleveland ministers today agreed that extravagance in the use of flowers at funerals should be discouraged. For many years flowers have been barred from churches of the Cleveland Catholic diocese. Rev. T. S. McWilliams, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church said:

"The use of flowers at funerals is overdue. It works hardship in many instances. The practice should be confined to the most inexpensive floral offerings."

Chicago, Sept. 23.—"The church has always opposed any profusion of flowers at funerals and in many instances flowers are barred from caskets while in the church," said Father F. M. O'Brien, of Holy Name Cathedral today, in commenting on Father Shanley's declaration.

The flower custom is but a relic of the pagan age, but I personally feel that people should be allowed to use their own discretion. If they see fit to deny themselves life's necessities in order to commemorate the memory of the departed with flowers, all well and good."

Washington, Sept. 23.—"I have never found that the custom of giving flowers as a mark of respect to the dead has been carried to such extremes here," was the comment today of Rev. Ignatius P. Fealy, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in speaking of the action of the Danbury pastor in placing a ban on flowers at funeral services in his church. "In certain localities, especially in small towns, the custom is perhaps abused

and the pastor has it within his power to take such action as the circumstances demand. The position of the Catholic Church, however, is non-committal in the matter. In some dioceses the bishops have prohibited the use of flowers at the church funeral services."

RECEIVERS NAMED.

Emerson Steam Pump Company in Financial Troubles.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of the Circuit Court of Alexandria City entered a decree today appointing W. Albert Smoot, Jr., and Harold N. De Witt as receivers of the Emerson Steam Pump Co., an Alexandria concern whose plant is in the western portion of the city near the Union Station. The receivers were ordered to take charge of the property of the Company. Bond was required of the receivers in the sum of \$10,000 which both receivers furnished this afternoon.

The petition for the appointment of the receivers was made by Col. Orrin G. Staples of Washington, one of the largest stockholders of the company. In his petition he sets forth that in addition to a mortgage concerning all the property of the company it owes a large number of individuals and that many suits have been filed for money due. Colonel Staples has personally advanced to the company \$5,388.95.

Col. Staples further points out that the semi-annual interest on the outstanding bonds of the company, due on August 1st, and amounting to \$6,000, has not been paid and that there are no funds with which to pay same. The Pump Company through its President, A. W. Machen, admits the allegations contained in Colonel Staples' petition and consented to the appointment of the receiver.

Gardner L. Boothe, represented Col. Staples in the proceedings.

The Emerson Steam Pump Works were established in this city about eleven years ago. The plant was located at first in the building on the southwest corner of Prince street and the Strand. The pumps which were manufactured by the company were sold in many parts of the world, and the business having expanded, it was found necessary to move from the contracted quarters. The management endeavored to purchase land at the northeast corner of Gibson and Union streets, but was unsuccessful. An option was later obtained on the Corross property, belonging to W. A. Smoot, but the company failed to close the bargain. The company subsequently purchased the land upon which their present plant is located, southeast of the Union passenger depot. It has been understood for some time that the company was in financial troubles.

REPUBLICANS MEET.

Committee to name New Candidate for Congress—Crupper Resigns.

A meeting of the Eighth Congressional district Republican committee was held here this afternoon. The resignation of Joseph L. Crupper as a member of the State Executive Committee was received and accepted. Mr. Crupper said that his reasons for resigning was entirely personal and not connected with the campaign.

Plans were made for the coming campaign and it was announced that Mr. Crupper and W. B. King, presidential elector from this district, were making preparations to make an active canvass of the district.

The declination of Roy W. Carter of the nomination for Congress from this district was received and the question of nominating another Republican to oppose Congressman Chas. C. Carlin, the Democratic candidate and Frank T. Evans, the Bull Moose candidate was left to a committee.

Japan Will Intervene.

Tien Tsin, Sept. 23.—Japanese intervention in Manchuria is imminent, it is said, on high diplomatic authority today. The Mikado is understood to consider the continued disorders there intolerable.

To Stop Betting.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 23.—Fifty policemen will leave Baltimore at 12:30 p. m., to stop betting at Havre De Grace Track.

Dock Laborers Strike.

Panama, Sept. 23.—Dock laborers at Bilboa struck today. Four steamships are delayed. The men wait more pay.

Norfolk Oysters fried at Rammel's Cafe.

SUMMONS FOR FRED'K JOHNSON

Must Appear Before Commissioner Huff in the
Becker Case.

IMPORTANT WITNESS.

Aldermanic Committee Resumes New
York Police Inquiry—Waldo to be
Recalled.

Hot Springs, Ark., Sept. 23.—A summons was issued today for Postmaster Fred Johnson to appear before Special Commissioner Huff in the Becker deposition hearings.

Johnson repeated today his willingness to swear that Sam Schepps told him that as soon as he (Schepps) testified in the Rosenthal case Becker would go to the electric chair.

Attorney Hart, for Becker, was expected to keep the postmaster from making a deposition to this effect just as District Attorney Whitman said he would try to prevent the deposition of James L. Graham, a local attorney, who stated that Schepps consulted him and exonerated Becker.

New York, Sept. 23.—James Creelman, president of the Civil Service Commission of New York City was the first witness today when the aldermanic committee resumed the police graft inquiry.

Commissioner Waldo, who was on the stand at adjournment Friday was to be recalled, but it was decided to put Creelman on first, in an effort to forestall, if possible, Waldo's repeated reply to questions that it was "up to the Civil Service."

Missing Woman Reappears.

Mystery surrounding the strange disappearance of Mrs. Grace Zell, 22 years old, from her home in Brightwood, near Washington, on Wednesday last, when she left three small children, the youngest only 5 months old, locked in her house, was cleared last night by her mother, Mrs. Mary P. Marion, of Bethesda, Md. Mrs. Zell returned to her home yesterday afternoon, packed her belongings, and with her children, departed again, going to the home of her mother, in Bethesda. Prior to her departure from the domicile of her husband, John M. Zell, a carpenter, Mrs. Zell declared she would never return. Mrs. Marion says her daughter was 16 years old when Zell endeavored to induce her to elope to Rockville, when the mother prevented the runaway. Later Zell and her daughter came to Alexandria, where they were married after their ages had been misrepresented by a relative, according to Mrs. Marion.

Cold Weather Coming.

The general distribution of atmospheric pressure over the North American continent and the adjacent ocean is such as to indicate cool weather the coming week in all parts of the country except the Pacific States.

Frosts are probable in the Plains states, the Upper Mississippi Valley, and thence eastward along the Northern border.

There will be rains Monday and probably Tuesday in the Eastern and Southeastern States, followed by generally fair weather in these districts until near the close of the week.

Elsewhere the weather will be generally fair during the next several days.

The next disturbance of importance to cross the country will appear in Far West Thursday or Friday and prevail over the Middle West near the close of the week. The disturbance will be followed by decidedly colder weather.

To Make Improvements.

B. Abramson, who on Saturday purchased the Ramsay property at the corner of King and St. Asaph streets, will shortly commence making a number of improvements in the building which will cost several thousand dollars. The first floor will be used for his store, while two modern apartments will occupy the second and third floors.

Norfolk Oysters fried at Rammel's Cafe.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Abnormally high tides have prevailed in the river during the past few days.

The position of Second Lieutenant of the Alexandria Light Infantry has been declined by Claude H. Crump, First Sergeant of that Company.

A special election will be held in Alexandria county tomorrow, when the qualified voters will determine whether the county seat shall be moved from Fort Myer Heights to Rosslyn.

The work of paving two squares on Washington street, from King to Duke streets with macadam block, will be begun during the next few days, practically all of the property owners on the two squares in question having signed the necessary papers for the improvements.

Mrs. Francis Weller, Miss B. I. Greene, Miss Mattie Crilly, and Mrs. James Bales, successively presidents of St. Mary's Alumnae, met last night and nominated the following to serve as officers for the coming year: Misses Mary Harlow, Ella Hill, Theresa Waters, Mary Kavanaugh, Margaret Greene and Madeline Byrne. The election will be held on the night of the banquet, October 23rd.

Approximately \$500,000 was appropriated for the advancement of the gospel in this and other countries by the members of the General Conference Committee of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, who are now holding their annual fall council in the Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary in Takoma Park. The larger portion of this money will be distributed among China, Japan, in the Strait settlements, Java, Sumatra, South America, and other countries.

President Taft announced last night his decision revoking the order of Commissioner of Indian Affairs Robert G. Valentine, which prohibited government employes in Indian Schools from wearing religious garb while in the performance of their duties. The President concurs with the secretary of the Interior, Walter L. Fisher, in the view that the order ought to be made, and that those now teaching as members of the civil service, and who are wearing religious garb, should be permitted to remain in the government's employ without imposing any restrictions to the garb.

COUNTY ELECTION TOMORROW.

Question of Removal of Courthouse to be Voted Upon.

A special election will be held tomorrow in Alexandria county to decide upon the question of the removal of the courthouse from its present location at Rosslyn. Several months ago a petition was handed Judge J. B. T. Thornton asking that the election be held. The request was at first refused but when a sufficient number of additional names had been added to the petition the request was granted and the date for the election arranged.

The recent hearing in the annexation case proved the inaccessibility of the present location and a change to Rosslyn, where all the car lines of the county meet, is favored by many residents of the county.

The cost of a new courthouse will, however, have a considerable effect upon many of the voters, and those who are in a position to know, say there is but little probability of the change being made at present.

"Girl in the Taxi."

With a record of more than 1,000 consecutive performances in New York City, Chicago, and Boston as a recommendation of its great popular appeal, "The Girl in the Taxi," comes to the Academy in Washington this evening for an engagement of one week to enliven the present theatrical season.

The scenario in Mr. Stange's adaptation has for its locale New York city. It deals with the escapades of Mignott, the pretty wife of a New Jersey perfumer, fond of visiting the Gay White Way for a good time. Her proclivity for flirting leads her into embarrassing entanglements with a Mr. Watson, Bertie, the callow son of a rich banker, and the banker's Philadelphia nephew, a married man, who, in an effort to have an occasional good time in New York, leads his wife to suppose that he is suffering from a bronchial ailment, curable only by a play moves with rapidity, and is full of thrilling situations.

JECT THE PEACE PROPOSALS

Rome's Proposition Will not
be Adopted by the
Porte.

READY FOR CAMPAIGN.

Fighting Between Turkish Troops and
Rebels on Samos—Latter Would
Join Greece.

Constantinople, Sept. 23.—The Turkish government has decided to reject Italy's latest peace proposals, it was reported today. It is said the offer contemplated the recognition by the Rome administration of a Turkish representative in Tripoli to look after Moslem affairs, spiritual and temporal, in return for Turkey's acknowledgement of Italian authority in all other matters.

The War Ministry is preparing actively for a campaign with Bulgaria which is regarded today as almost a certainty.

Smyrna, Sept. 23.—Fighting began today between Turkish troops and the rebels on the Island of Samos. The rebels want to join Greece.

Commandery Elects Officers.

Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, on Friday elected the following officers: William G. Le Hew, eminent commander; Chester A. Gwynn, generalissimo; William B. Davis, captain general; Claude W. Fletcher, senior warden; Walter C. Davis, junior warden; Edgar Warfield, sr., treasurer; A. G. Uhler, recorder; Henry K. Field, prelate; J. Johnston Greene, assistant prelate; William H. Charles, standard bearer; Charles E. Outcalt, sword bearer; Charles Page Waller, jr., warde; Louis P. Roth, third guard; Preston O. Cockey, second guard; Robert A. Zachary, first guard; George W. Zachary, tiler.

Piano Makers Strike.

New York, Sept. 23.—Ten thousand piano-makers, non-union and organized, today walked out in a general strike affecting pianomakers in this city, New Jersey, and Connecticut according to Union officials.

"The men are demanding a 15 per cent increase in pay. Charles Dold, president of the Piano, Organ and Musical Makers' Union of America, who called the strike today, said that they strike would be a quiet one, probably of short duration."

Accused Dismissed.

A white man was cited to appear in the Police Court this morning at the instance of the superintendent of one of the cemeteries to answer the charge of allowing his horse to run at large in the enclosure. Justice Caton in deciding the case said that as the cemeteries were outside the city limits and in Fairfax county, there was no law by which he could impose a fine. The accused was accordingly dismissed.

Wants to Re-Open Case.

Washington, Sept. 23.—President Taft was today urged to reopen the Standard Oil case in the Supreme Court and arraigned its officers for alleged violation of the dissolution decree. This plea was made by Samuel Untermyer, the well-known New York lawyer, who is attorney for the Waters-Pierce Oil Co., now suing the "trust."

Money Recovered.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 23.—That the \$55,000 taken from a Louisville and Nashville express car between Pensacola and Flomaton last week, had been recovered, was announced today by a detective agency. A formal statement is being prepared.

Widow's Revenge.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 23.—Because Ladwir Lotkofski, 27, treasurer of the Polish National Benefit Association, had refused to marry her, Mrs. Johanna Delkoshi, 40, a widow, dashed a pint of sodium hydroxide solution into his face. Doctors today said the man would be blind.

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